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TO: Mr. Richard Kennedy
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SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Per our 16 August conversations, the 9 August edition of the North Vietnamese Army daily (Quan Doi Nhan Dan) ran a series of seven articles attacking the U.S. psywar program. Attached are the texts of two of those articles; we will forward the texts of the remaining five as soon as they become available. From the decibel count of Hanoi's reaction it appears that we must be doing something right.

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DRV ARMY PAPER ON U.S.-RVN PSYWAR APPARATUS

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("UNDERSTANDING THE ENEMY" COLUMN BY DANG THANH: "THE U.S.-PUPPETS' "PSYWAR" APPARATUS")

(TEXT) THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' PSYWAR APPARATUS IS LARGE, EMBRACING MANY ORGANS AND HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE CIA, THE PRESS PROPAGANDA NETWORK OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANY CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANS HEADED BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT, WHO IS ASSISTED BY SPECIAL ADVISERS. THE NIXON GOVERNMENT IS MOBILIZING AND USING A GREAT AMOUNT OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. IT HAS SET UP A VERY EXTENSIVE "PSYWAR" APPARATUS TO OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THIS APPARATUS HAS TRIED TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WITH REGARD TO PROPAGANDA ALONE, ACCORDING TO RECENT ESTIMATES, THE UNITED STATES HAS 358 INFORMATION OFFICES IN 79 COUNTRIES, 51 MAGAZINES PUBLISHED IN 21 LANGUAGES, 22 DAILIES, THREE MAJOR RADIO STATIONS AND MANY MINOR STATIONS BROADCASTING IN MANY LANGUAGES AND 132 RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANIES OPERATING IN 89 COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, DIPLOMATIC ORGANS, ADVISORY GROUPS, DELEGATIONS OF MILITARY, ECONOMIC, MEDICAL AND CULTURAL SPECIALISTS, TOURIST GROUPS AND MANY ORGANIZATIONS USING DISGUISED NAMES HAVE BEEN USED TO CARRY OUT "PSYWAR" AND SPY ACTIVITIES.

IN THE SOUTH THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE SENT TO SAIGON MANY PSYWAR SPECIALISTS WHO OPPOSED AND SABOTAGED THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT IN MANY COUNTRIES AND VARIOUS AREAS. IN 1965 593 AMERICANS SET UP THE "JOINT U.S. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE" (ABBREVIATED AS JUSPAO) IN SAIGON IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING AND HANDLING ALL POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES OF ALL U.S. -,S PUPPET ORGANS IN VIETNAM. THIS IS THE U.S. PSYWAR HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY AND IN ALL OF INDOCHINA. GUIDED AND COMMANDED BY THE AMERICANS, THE PUPPET SAIGON ADMINISTRATION SET UP THE INFORMATION MINISTRY, THE CENTRAL-LEVEL PSYWAR DIRECTORATE AND "OPEN ARMS" INFORMATION SERVICES IN PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS AND DEPLOYED PSYWAR PERSONNEL TO VILLAGES AND HAMLETS. THERE ARE "OPEN ARMS" CENTERS IN ALL TACTICAL ZONES. IN THE PUPPET ARMY THERE IS THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF POLITICAL WARFARE. MILITARY REGIONS AND DIVISIONS HAVE G-5'S SPECIALIZING IN PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. BATTALIONS HAVE CHAPLAIN OFFICERS SPECIALIZING IN "PSYWAR" ACTIVITIES. THESE CHAPLAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WOOING AND CONTROLLING PUPPET SOLDIERS WHO BELIEVE IN CATHOLICISM, BUDDHISM OR OTHER RELIGIONS. THE U.S.-PUPPETS HAVE ALSO USED "PACIFICATION" GROUPS, "PHOENIX/ 53"," SPIES AND RANGERS TO CONDUCT "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" VIS-A-VIS THE SOUTHERN RURAL AND CITY PEOPLE.

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HANOI ARMY PAPER ON COUNTERING "ENEMY PSYWAR"

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(ARTICLE: "WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COUNTERING THE ENEMY'S PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE")

(TEXT) 1--WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE?

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, WHICH THE AMERICANS AND PUPPETS CALL "PSYWAR," IS THE TRICK OF SPREADING REACTIONARY, DECEITFUL AND INTIMIDATING ALLEGATIONS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE COLONIALIST, AGGRESSIVE AND WARMONGERING POLICY OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' SCHEMES AND ACTS AIMED AT OPPOSING THE SOCIALIST CAMP, THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE WORKING CLASS AND OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLES. THE IMPERIALISTS' TERMS "NERVE WARFARE," "POLITICAL WARFARE" AND "COLD WAR"...ARE SYNONYMOUS, OR AT LEAST SUBSTANTIALY EMBODY THE CONTENT OF THE TERM "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE."

2--WHAT ARE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TRICKS FREQUENTLY USED BY THE AMERICANS AND PUPPETS AGAINST THE NORTHERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY?

--THE AMERICANS AND PUPPETS HAVE USED THEIR OWN RADIO STATIONS AND THOSE OF PRO-AMERICAN AND SATELLITE COUNTRIES TO SPREAD PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ALLEGATIONS.

--THEY HAVE USED AIRCRAFT AND WARSHIPS TO DROP REACTIONARY LEAFLETS AND PUBLICATIONS, AS WELL AS PACKAGES OF LEAFLETS ON OUR TERRITORY.

--THEY HAVE ALSO USED POSTAL FACILITIES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO MAIL "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" PROPAGANDA LETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS TO PERSONS IN THE NORTH, WHOSE ADDRESSES THEY KNOW AND WHOM THEY HOPED THEY COULD DECEIVE.

--THEY HAVE SENT SPIES AND COMMANDOES TO OPERATE IN THE NORTH. THESE SPIES AND COMMANDOES AGITATE AND INCITE BAD ELEMENTS, SPREAD COUNTERPROPAGANDA ALLEGATION, AND GROUNDLESS RUMORS AND EVEN RESORT TO ATTEMPTS AT DISRUPTING ORDER AND SECURITY IN THE HOPE OF SOWING CONFUSION AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE USUALLY COORDINATED THESE FORMS OF ACTIVITY WITH FIERCE BOMBINGS AND SHELLINGS AIMED AT CAUSING EXTENSIVE LOSSES IN LIVES AND PROPERTY, AND USED WARSHIPS TO CHASE AND APPREHEND FISHERMEN IN ORDER TO INTIMIDATE OUR COMPATRIOTS.

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3--WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF U.S.-PUPPET PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE NORTHERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY?

THE AMERICANS' AND PUPPETS' PRESENT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PROPAGANDA DIRECTED AT THE NORTHERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY IS ESSENTIALLY SEEKS THE FOLLOWING MAIN OBJECTIVES:

--PUBLICIZING THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' DECEITFUL "PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION" ALLEGATIONS AND SLANDEROUSLY ACCUSING OUR PEOPLE OF BEING "WARLIKE" AND "AGGRESSIVE;"

--SPREADING PROPAGANDA AIMED AT DISTORTING OUR PARTY'S AND GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-U.S. NATIONAL SALVATION LINE IN THE HOPE OF DIVIDING THE UNITY BLOC WITHIN THE SOCIALIST CAMP AND SOWING DISUNITY AMONG OUR PARTIES AND COUNTRY ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE FRATERNAL PARTIES AND COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER;

--DECEITFULLY SHOWING THE UNITED STATES' MILITARY MIGHT AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND THREATENING AND INTIMIDATING OUR PEOPLE IN THE HOPE OF FORCING THEM TO AGREE TO NIXON'S OVERBEARING "PEACE TERMS;"

--JUSTIFYING THEIR CRIMES, DISTORTING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR GREAT VICTORIES IN BOTH PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND FABRICATING FALSE U.S.-PUPPET VICTORIES;

--PUBLICIZING THE FALSE PROSPERITY OF THE SOUTHERN PUPPET ADMINISTRATION, PAINTING A DARK PICTURE OF LIFE AND THE REGIME IN THE NORTH AND AGITATING DISCONTENTED ELEMENTS TO OPPOSE OUR REGIME;--SLANDERING ALL LINES AND POLICIES OF OUR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT.

4--WHAT SHOULD EACH ONE OF US DO AS OUR PARTY, IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE?

TO STRUGGLE TO FRUSTRATE THE ENEMY'S PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, WE ARE ALL DUTYBOUND TO:

--STUDY AND THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THE PARTY'S LINES AND POLICIES, THEREBY HEIGHTENING OUR ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN PARTY LEADERSHIP, HEIGHTENING OUR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT THE U.S. S.9348-)85 -&&4394, DEEPENING OUR HATRED FOR THE ENEMY AND RESOLUTELY COUNTERING ALL PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTS OF THE AMERICANS AND THEIR HENCHMEN.

--CONSTANTLY HEIGHTEN VIGILANCE, POSITIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE MOVEMENT TO PROTECT ORDER AND SECURITY, TO PRESERVE SECRETS AND TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DISHONEST ELEMENTS AND DETECT IN TIME AND STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL COUNTERPROPAGANDA ALLEGATIONS OF THE ENEMY. RESOLUTELY CHECK STORIES SPREADING GROUNDLESS RUMORS.

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--ABSOLUTELY REFRAIN FROM TUNING IN TO RADIO STATIONS OF THE AMERICANS AND THEIR HENCHMEN, FROM READING ENEMY LEAFLETS AND FROM STORING THE ENEMY'S "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PACKAGES." EACH TIME THE ENEMY DROPS LEAFLETS OR "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PACKAGES" 25 MUST ORGANIZE OURSELVES TO COLLECT AND BURN OR DESTROY THEM IMMEDIATELY. (KEEP TRACK OF, DETECT AND CHECK IN TIME THE ACTION OF BAD ELEMENTS WHO SURREPTITIOUSLY TUNE IN TO ENEMY RADIO STATIONS OR WHO HIDE AND USE ENEMY LEAFLETS AND "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PACKAGES" TO SPREAD GROUNDLESS RUMORS AND DISRUPT ORDER AND SECURITY. REGARDING HONEST PEOPLE WHO TUNE IN TO ENEMY RADIO STATIONS OR HIDE ENEMY LEAFLETS AND "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE GOODS" OUT OF IGNORANCE OF THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THEIR ACTION, IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO THEM, PERSUADE THEM OR CRITICIZE THEM, SO THEY WILL STOP.

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